

1. *Chrysomelidae*

LANDS.

of widespread efforts on the fair sex to elevate their womanhood, it is strange that it is silent when they see a lady elevated, robbed, destroyed, in the name of, by their own countrymen; a significant commentary, not to say honourable American man, when their eyes in Congress are the little patrimony of a man who is only trying to redemptary possessions. It is a terrible thing that a Christian is an American paper) sneer at such a wholesale robbery, but also taking both of off the head of a woman legitimate title to them. It is in support of the vicious Liliuokalani has been that there is no remedy for her to govern but make it morally right that she be robbed of her private property out to starve? When does this pathetic story of a woman driven from her land of ground in the Pacific Islands who fled her crown brand of buccaniers and it will be found that the great nation was sold for a age.

LIBRARY TABLE.

Good workmanlike care, corrections is the hall mark of "Order" (Horace Cox), by Edmund though this novel runs to two is not a touch of unbecoming the author never forgets that of a professional story teller story. We wish that certain biologists would do as much about, there are numbers to whom the present answer of Afghanistan; all they know about him is with an iron hand an iron policy, Kanda, and Foster place society migration, therefore, by leaving Abdul Rahman," a remarkably biography of a nation by writer. A brief study of its contents will enable diners-out who to earn their dinners by talk, to credit of credulous in connection with Kh Khan. The "Eminent Women and Co.) starts in a very eminent sect being Queen Victoria and the Mrs. Farwell. In fact, it is a quite a little history of the up to date. Once more the illustrated Magazine "charge upon a strong phalanx." Is a marvel that so much of it can be sold.

The third part of Cassell's "Money Pictures" hardly up to the standards of predecessors in quality; several illustrations are sundry and obscure. Doyle's "The Deeds of Raffles" (which has already reached its fourth edition) is good enough to reach its fortieth demand is satisfied. Messrs. Cassell as the first instalment of their Library List Lady Morgan's "Altogether" somewhat old-fashioned and too much burdened with ornament, it is a powerful tale and we now come to three volumes which are noteworthy in its own line. These are "A Book of Electricity and Magnetism" (Hutchinson and Co.), by W. P. May, "Illustrations of Food" (Dover), by J. H. Plesch, and "Pleasantly Be Kept" (Arnold), by C. N. White. Contains valuable information concerning readers with due lucidity.

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PIPER PAN.

Never has greater tribute been paid at the same time to nature and music than that given last Sunday evening in Hyde Park when the people turned out in thousands and tens of thousands to sit and stroll under the lovely trees from 7.30 to 8.30, the fine band of the Grenadier Guards, under the direction of Lieut. Dan Godfrey, performed an excellent and well-chosen programme of secular and sacred pieces. The enjoyment and attention with which each selection was received were delightful to witness, and it is worthy of note that the crowd, which thronged the park in every available spot where the music could be heard was as orderly and well-dressed as on any weekday evening of the London season.

There is a good deal of discussion going on just now concerning the success achieved at the Italian Opera by one or two works of the old-fashioned sort. For my own part, I certainly prefer the modern school of the day, but at the same time I can quite understand the pleasure derived by many people from some of the stirring airs and melodies in the familiar "Trovatore," and in the lighter charms of "Fra Diavolo," especially when performed with the degree of perfection obtained at Covent Garden.

Writing of bygone operas reminds me that the premier of the late eminent composer, Vincent Wallace, is in the most straitened circumstances at the age of 55 years. The deceased musician's most popular work, "Maritana," was first performed 50 years ago, and has delighted millions of simple ballad-loving people ever since; but no pecuniary result has accrued to him, and Mr. Arthur Sullivan is reputedly coming forward and announcing his intention of handing over to the aged lady a per centage of all future performances of "Maritana," that may be given by his opera company.

I hear that seats for Madame Patti's re-appearance at the opera on Tuesday week are already at a premium, and that, too, in spite of the prices being considerably raised. The great "diva" has kindly consented to present the prizes for the vocal competitions in connection with the International Music Trades Exhibition at the Agricultural Hall on June 21. I question whether there will be many competitors, the entrance fee of 25s. being rather prohibitory.

Herr Fritz Masbach, one of the many talented pianists who visit the metropolis during each season, was last week honoured with a command to play before the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

News from Australia brings the welcome assurance that our pretty little songstress, Miss Decima Moore, is winning as many golden opinions over there with the "Gaiety Girl" company as she did here and in America. The critics are unanimous in their praise of her sweet voice and singing, while her charming acting and dancing are also highly praised.

I cannot understand how it is that such a truly wonderful violinist as Herr Willy Burmeister has not made a more marked success with the musical public in London. His great abilities ought to have ensured him a packed audience in St. James's Hall at each of his three recitals, the last of which took place on Tuesday; but such has not been the case.

After the performance of "Il Trovatore," given by Sir Augustus Harris's opera company at Windsor Castle, Signor Tamagno and Miss Marguerite Macintyre had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty the Queen, who has since sent Miss Macintyre a charming gift in the form of a winged figure, sculptured in gold, and set with diamonds.

One of the most interesting concerts to be given next week will be that announced by Miss Champlain to take place in St. James's Hall on Thursday afternoon. The popular French song writer will introduce several new compositions, and several other of her graceful songs will be sung by eminent artists.

At the concert given in the small (and very draughty) Queen's Hall on Tuesday evening by the Concert Triumvirate Quartette, Mr. Edward Mills performed a solo on the telephone, an instrument which is still unfamiliar to English audiences, although much used abroad, especially in France. I believe that Mr. Frederick Cowen's use of it as an obbligato to one of the airs in his opera, "Therminx," is almost the only instance of its use by an English composer.

I am sure that a great many people will be pleased to hear that Mr. Norman Salmond's journey to Africa in quest of lions has been completely successful; in fact, the popular baritone is so well that he is singing professionally in South America, and has signed contracts for 30 concerts up country, and also to appear at the Cape Town Festival. Mr. Salmond is not likely to return home before October.

Most of my readers will be interested to learn that the "Misty" Queen is the possessor of 60 pianos, most of which are instruments of great value. They are variously distributed at Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, and Osborne.

The final Sunday evening orchestral concert of the present series took place last Sunday at the Queen's Hall. In consequence of the great success obtained the number of concerts, originally intended to consist of three, was increased to eight, and they will be resumed early in the autumn.

It is reported that Madame Calvé, the famous Italian prima donna, has been offered £20,000 by the American impresarios, Messrs. Grau and Abbey, to sing for one season of opera in the United States; and that she will consequently relinquish her engagement at the Paris Opera House, but will be able to appear as expected at Covent Garden.

Mr. Mayer informs me that Madame Melba's selection of the first Nipper concert on June 15 will be the "Mad Scene" from "Hamlet" and "Sweet Bird" from Handel's "L'Allegro e il Penseroso." At the same concert Mr. Adamowski, a famous violinist, who was a pupil of the celebrated Massart in Paris, will make his debut in London.

There has been such a large and continued increase of pupils at the London College of Music that the authorities have been obliged to secure a more commodious building, situated in Great Marlborough-street, almost opposite the present premises. The inaugural ceremony will take place about the end of June.

Miss Howell-Hersee, one of the most promising of Mr. d'Oyly Carte's young debutantes, and the only child of Madame Rose Hersee, the well-known teacher of singing, has abandoned the lyric stage, having become affianced to Mr. C. L. Hemmerde, the popular cricketer and football player, who is also

a musician of considerable merit and the possessor of a charming tenor voice.
BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

From the accounts furnished us from time to time by the explorers that have penetrated into the Arctic regions, the manner in which the inhabitants of some of those parts obtain food seems to be rather an uncomfortable one, for, depending as they do on the migrations of animals, it necessitates their moving about from one place to another many times in the course of a year, according to the arrival or departure of the animals at or from certain localities. For instance, when the birds begin to moult, and are not so strong on the wing, they repair to the lakes and rivers and subsist on them, in winter they seek the shelter of the woods, and live on the fish they catch in the lakes; in summer they move to the river mouths and sea shore, and catch fish there. The remainder of their beast of burden, and supplies them, as well, with food, clothes, and shelter, for their tents are often made of the skins of this animal.

A note on cave animals, about which, so far as I am aware, but little has been written, may not be unwelcome to my readers. All sorts and conditions of animals are found in caves, and it is just possible that to escape the great struggle for existence which is continually going on, animals, especially the lower kinds, such as molluscs, insects, and crustaceans, have made their way there. But when one enters a cave, the struggle for existence still exists, and they are just as badly off as before they entered it. The vegetable growth is eaten by the molluscs, the molluscs by the crustaceans, the crustaceans by the fish, and other animals there are that feed upon the fish; in fact, as in everyday life, each animal finds that it must be just as wide awake and wary in a cave as in the open, the attacks of other creatures that prey upon it.

Some of the cave animals are quite different to the forms we are accustomed to see, and it has been thought that they are a separate creation, but in all probability they are the ordinary animals, that, from their long and continual existence in such extraordinary surroundings, have become modified to their new mode of life. For instance, many of the cave animals are devoid of sight, but they seem to get on as well without it as with it, for to make up for this loss their other senses, such as smelling, feeling, and hearing, are more greatly developed. As an example of feeling we may mention that of some of the insects whose antennae are enormously elongated, which must necessarily come in contact with any obstacle long before the body of the insect itself, and thus give the insect warning.

A correspondent at Romford, who apparently is a good observer, has sent me several notes of interest on natural history objects, and obligingly offers to send me more when opportunity occurs. In the present batch of notes he calls attention to a grey woodpecker which he saw mounted at Dagenham. This specimen had been shot in January of this year on Canvey Island. Formerly the great bustard bred in England in pretty large numbers, but on account of its persecution it soon became extinct in this country, and now only a few stragglers are now and then met with, and these, unfortunately, as in the case with all other rare birds, are shot down the moment they reach our shores. The owner of the specimen at Dagenham has, however, partly atoned for his sin by exhibiting it to the public for a good purpose, i.e., attaching to the case containing it a hospital box with the usual invitation for small donations.

Those of my readers who have never put up with the annoyance of mosquitoes (undoubtedly have had the experience of those who have, and as it might be their lot one of these days to travel into the region where these little pests are present, a knowledge of a means of preventing their attacks will, I am sure, prove acceptable. According to "Insect Life," in certain parts of America it has been the practice for many years to place a small quantity of a greenish oil in the pools and water tanks that have been known to contain the larvae of the mosquito, and it has been found a very effective remedy, killing large numbers of the little creatures (which much resemble the gnat wiggle-tails seen in our own waterbuts), and practically ridding the neighbourhood of the pest. The small quantity of the greenish oil rubbed on the hands and face will also keep the mosquitoes at a distance. The operation may sound rather unpleasant, but when tried it will not be found to be so; at any rate, not so unpleasant as the irritation of the mosquito bites. At least, so runs the story, but it certainly requires a deal of corroboration.

The additions to the Zoological Society's collection during the week ending May 25 include six hairy-fronted jerboas, two lesser Egyptian gerbilles, two Libyan zorillas, two grey monitors, two Egyptian masticures, a common chameleon, three Egyptian geckos, two diadem snakes, a Burchell's zebra, two Polar hares, a grysbok, a spiny tree porcupine, a rufous snake, two Guinea cuckoos, and a wild duck.

The jerboas and gerbilles are pretty little creatures, both belonging to the mouse family. The zorilla is the Egyptian polecat, of a black colour, with white stripes. It feeds on frogs, mice, birds, and eggs. Like the members of our English weasel tribe, it emits a very offensive odour when irritated. The grysbok is a small Central African antelope, of a dark reddish-brown colour. Not many specimens of this animal have been exhibited in the gardens. The tree porcupine, unlike the common porcupine, has short spines which when not bristled up are totally hidden in the animal's fur. The tail of this species is prehensile, and so of great use to it in its arboreal habits. The rufous snake is a male, and is therefore a particularly welcome addition, as the society's stock of the Burchell's zebra consisted before its arrival of only two females, the old male having recently died. The masticure is a member of the lizard family.

THE ACTOR.

"The Stage" does well to suggest that the histrionic profession in England should present an address of congratulation to Mr. Irving on the honour conferred upon him by the award of the Copley Medal, more than that it can ever repay. Other actors and managers have helped to make the stage popular and respected, but no one has ever before stood up so unflinchingly as Mr. Irving has done for acting as an art and as a calling. It is hard and alone, who has forced upon the public the recognition of the actor as the artistic equal of the musician, the painter, and the sculptor.

Mr. Hollingshead, in his memoirs, tells the story of the play called "Donah," which, at its first representation, dragged on into the small hours of the morning. It seemed on Monday as if the same thing would happen to "Gismonda" at Daly's, for it was positively midnight before the curtain rose on the last act. It was 12.15—not 12.30, as the "Telegraph" says—when the curtain fell finally. No doubt all this eloquence could be explained, but it is worthy of the audience and the critics, which was distinctly a mistake. Was it owing to the late hour at which

"Gismonda" ended that the audience "Telegraph" held over its notice of the performance till Wednesday morning? Great must have been the consternation of the believers in the "Telegraph" when on Tuesday they found that the oracle was to be silent for another day. Very rarely indeed does this sort of thing occur in connection with our contemporary, which is usually very up to date. It might be called "the reverence of the Bible," no devout is the reverence with which its utterances on theatrical subjects are received within the limits of the profession.

Witnessing, the other night, Mrs. Bandmann-Palmer's impersonation of Hamlet, which I found full of intelligence and skill, I was struck by the strong likeness to her horse by the Ophelia, who figured in the bill as "Miss Lily Clements." Afterwards I found out that Miss Clements is Mrs. Bandmann's daughter. She is a very promising young actress, and her brother Maurice is, I should say, no less promising. It is pleasant to see the traditions of success in acting preserved in a family so talented.

Miss Susie Vaughan, it seems, has been deputising at the Court for Mrs. John Wood, and with the best effect. That I can well believe, for I know of almost no better belle than Miss Vaughan to emulate the breadth of style which is the chief feature of Mrs. John Wood's impersonations. In proportion as Miss Kate Vaughan has gradually withdrawn from metropolitan performances, Miss Susie has come more and more to the front in London, and now, I think, she is a very good comedienne. It is not quite, of the front rank. That she is a thorough artist is certain.

I was very sorry, but not surprised, to hear of the death of "Young Tom Robertson," as he was always called. I knew that for some time past his condition was very critical. His death was the outcome of a mental disturbance, was very great. How his malady came to develop itself I do not know. When I first met him I was struck by his good spirits and good temper. Later he seemed to be growing rather cynical and morose. He was a shrewd business man and by no means a bad actor. In other parts he had undoubtedly made his mark.

It seems certain that the German Reed entertainment will be revived, but apparently without one of its most distinctive features—namely, the musical sketch which Corney would have been putting on. The sketch, I am afraid, is not available, and there is no entertainer of anything like equal to Mr. Albert Chevalier was thought of, but he is scarcely what one means by an entertainer. Mr. Clifford Harrison would have been the very man, but I am afraid his health would not stand the wear and tear of a daily performance.

OLD IZAAK.

The continued fine weather is greatly in favour of the trout anglers, but comparatively few fish have been taken at present. The best part of the Thames season has gone, and on the 16th inst. the river will be open for a nice round angling.

A nice brace of trout have been taken by Mr. Lukyn, at Sunbury, scaling 5lb. and 6lb. respectively. At Staines, Mr. Robinson, piloted by Charles Hone, took a trout of 5lb., which was very properly returned to the water. On another occasion, Mr. Gomm, of Brentford, took a beautiful fish of 6lb., also with Hone; and on Tuesday last one of 4lb., with the same fisherman.

I am pleased to hear the Lea is yielding better results, a few good fish having been landed during the past week. Maj. Welman, fishing in the neighbourhood of Hertford for some 10 days, secured seven brace of good trout, averaging nearly 5lb. each; and one of 4lb. was taken by Mr. H. L. Weir, of 4lb. was taken by the late Mr. Brookwell in 1881.

The Piscatorial Society had a capital meeting at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday last, over which Mr. E. Foreman presided. The attraction of the evening was the reading of Mr. H. E. Foreman's paper on "The Trout and the River," which proved of an eminently practical character, and was greatly appreciated. Mr. T. R. Sachs (president) was in attendance, and the large number of members who had gathered for the reading unanimously expressed their approval of Mr. Foreman's paper, and the paper was ordered to be printed at the society's expense.

The annual dinner of the New Albion Piscatorial club came off on Waterloo day, June 18, at the Holborn Restaurant, when Mr. W. H. Bailey, M.P., will occupy the vice-chair, and "Old Izak" is to be one of the guests. The New Albion are one of the best known Old Albion Clubs, and it goes without saying that a large number of prominent anglers will assemble at the festive board.

The 15th annual dinner of the West London Angling Club takes place at the Dartmouth Castle, Overstone-road, Hammermith, on Thursday next, when Mr. W. H. Elmore, their respected president, occupies the chair. The West London is a well-servicing club, and a goodly gathering is anticipated.

It is satisfactory to hear that the Central Association is going ahead. The next delegate meeting takes place on Monday, 10th inst. Several clubs hitherto exclusively enrolled with the Anglers' Association have just been affiliated, and about three miles of additional water at Pulborough will be free to all private anglers. Besides the water already rented at Amberley and Bures. The privilege ticket, which costs but 1s. 1d. per annum, is a boon to many anglers, as it covers all the railway privileges as well as the unequalled fishing possessed by the association.

The statements as to illegal netting in the Thames are being industriously repeated, but I am not disposed to give their authors the advertisement apparently desired. Failing to substantiate the original statement, attention is now being drawn to something that may or may not have happened years ago, and in a part of the river where netting is now greatly restricted.

Neither the Conservancy nor the Preservation Society have anything to fear from the Anglers' Association. The Thames Angling Preservation Committee consists of some of the most respected anglers living; among them the president of the Piscatorial Society, the chairman of the Friendly Anglers, the secretary of the True Waltonians, and elected representatives of the Anglers' Association. Mr. Alfred Nuthall, their president, has taken a deep interest in Thames preservation for many years past, to say nothing of the labours of their secretary, Mr. Broughman; and if such a body of men cannot be trusted by the anglers of London, I know not who they will find to fill their place. Much mischief has been already done by the unwarrantable attacks on both bodies, and I hope anglers will not allow their good name to be used longer in the way it has been of late.

The opinions of these uncessing agitators, happily, carry little weight. Fortunately, the Anglers' Association is not the only one,

and the members of the Central Association, to which many of the best clubs are affiliated, think very differently. At the committee meeting of the Preservation Society, over which Mr. Alfred Nuthall presided, on Tuesday last, a letter from that association was read, expressive of their sense of the services rendered to anglers by the Preservation Society, and their satisfaction at the result of its working during the past year.

A correspondent asks me to say if it is a very extraordinary thing for a conger eel to be caught weighing 70lb., one of that weight having been taken at Southend last year. It is certainly an unusual weight, but they have been taken much larger. I recall mentions one of 115lb. taken at Margate, by Maxwell Dunn and James Hicks, who took two others on the same night scaling 70lb. and 60lb. respectively. There are other instances of these fish having been taken of 60lb. and 70lb., and I see no reason to doubt the weight of the one described.

GENERAL CHATTER.

The Orton confession now being published in our columns has all the importance of a State paper. Until the first instalment appeared there were tens of thousands who continued to believe that the Claimant really was Sir Roger Tielborne, and that he had been kept out of the title and estates by a conspiracy in high places. Nor can there be the least doubt that the myth would have been handed down from generation to generation, as that of Perkin Warbeck was. "The People" can thus claim credit for knocking on the head what might have proved a very long-lived delusion.

It is not at all surprising, then, though exceedingly gratifying, that the chief has been deluged with correspondence throughout the last 10 days, testifying to the immense amount of good already effected by the startling disclosure. These laudatory letters come in large measure from country clergymen, and tell how impossible they had always found it to convince some of their old parishioners that the Claimant was not Sir Roger Tielborne. By the way, an old Army officer who knew the young baronet when sowing wild oats in London before embarking in the ill-fated *Bella*, tells me that "he was not at all nice." I had heard as much from other sources; perhaps, therefore, there was not much moral difference between him and the much cleverer man who tried to stand in his shoes.

With much regret I learn that although Lord Rosebery pluckily endeavours to make light of his precarious condition of health, he is quite aware that his working life is very nearly ended. His medical advisers are, I understand, entirely in agreement that their eminent patient must break away, with the least possible delay, from all country harness. There is one line of recovery, and even that is a line of chance, and is shattered in his whole nervous system. Mr. Gladstone, on the contrary, seems to have taken a fresh lease of life since he shook off the cares of State; he bids fair to outlive the century and to lengthen out his life to at least 100 years. But for a really "Grand Old Man" there is no one in it with Mr. W. G. Grace. The two centuries have lately trickled off his double demonstrates a recrudescence of vigour and of alertness which is simply miraculous in a man of his age.

It is very easy for people to lament the exceptionally low prices at which many commodities and manufactures are sold nowadays. That sort of sentimentality has a symmetrical look, and so has much vogue at a time when professions of sympathy are all the rage. But I do not observe that these gushing folks refuse to "buy on the cheap" when opportunity occurs. Each industry would, apparently, like to have high prices for its own produce but low prices for that of other industries. Thus, a Yorkshireman, hunting in the recesses of his memory, recalls the time when flour was 150 per cent. dearer than it now is, when sugar cost 4d. per pound, and when tea ran to 3s. 6d. and 4s. for the same weight. Being a consumer of these goods, he rejoices greatly at their diminished value. But what say farmers, tea importers, and sugar growers? One and all declare that present quotations are ruinous.

At a certain provincial town, which shall be nameless, there dwells a citizen named Purcell, who is, unhappily, much given to interlarding his talk with a very naughty word. The other day, one of his friends casually asked another what old Purcell was doing with himself. "Doing? Why, of course, he is 'purcelling' Purcell's Tedium in D' as usual," was the punning reply.

Five little Siamese princes, all in a row, will shortly reach this country, under charge of Mr. Rolin Jacquemyns, adviser-in-chief to the Court of Bangkok. They are said to entertain somewhat exaggerated notions of their own importance, the natural result of the subject toying with all Siamese royalties, and the fact that Siamese is a country of princes and princelings. You cannot enter even the smallest town without tumbling upon these impetuous royalties.

An unneighbourly neighbour is one of the gravest misfortunes that can befall any household. Let him be ever so long-suffering, a bitter feud is certain to come into his life, and when once that stage is reached hostilities become incessant. In most cases it is the keeping of obnoxious pets by the unneighbourly person that starts the strife. As in the case of an old lady at Birmingham, who allowed her eight dogs to run riot in the next door garden in spite of repeated remonstrances, her neighbours, who were annoyed by the diabolical pleasure from embittering the lives of other people. Crowing cocks, pigeons, cats, even doves, can be employed for the purpose; the unneighbourly one has a wonderful genius for varying the methods by which to produce mental irritation in those who have the misfortune to live within reach of his malevolence.

From a physical point of view, Shahzadah Nasrullah Khan is disappointing. It was generally expected that our visitor would be a big, brawny man, all muscle and sinew, as most Afghans are. His august father is a man of fine presence, and looks a king every inch. Nasrullah Khan, on the contrary, presents a distinctly weedy appearance, and seems to stand in need of a long course of gymnastics. His headgear is another source of disappointment; instead of the voluminous dark blue turban, which Afghans wear at home, he sports an imitation of the truncated stovepipe made known to us by the Shah. I fancy this innovation must be of recent date, as all the Indian and Anglo-Indian papers prepared us for a turbaned prince.

While the new arrangement for the employment of military bands in the parks is unquestionably a public boon, I trust that the additional work thus thrown on the gallant bandmen will be adequately remunerated. It lies altogether outside the sphere of military duty, and there would be nothing short of scandal in placing the burden of payment on the regimental bands only. Even as matters stand, they are only kept going by large contributions exacted from the officers.

Seeing a bookseller's advertisement announcing the publication of a work entitled, "A Racing Rubber," a young cyclist ordered

a copy at once, hoping to pick up a wrinkle or two about the material of his tyres. Bitter was his disappointment on receiving a sporting novel which made no reference whatever to either pneumatic, cushions, or solids.

MADAME.

Notwithstanding the prevalence of bright colours this season, the fashion of wearing black and white is showing active signs of revival. In my rambles after fashions the other day I came upon two charming examples of this style. One was at a smart afternoon gathering where, amongst many rich and handsome toilettes, a pretty, bright girl looked perfectly bewitching in a simple frock of black and white striped cotton. The frock was very plainly made. The skirt was a little longer than the usual walking length. It only just escaped the ground. It was cut in the round full shape now so much in fashion. The gathings were so arranged as to fall in graceful folds round the figure, the principal fulness being at the back.

The bodice, also of the striped cotton, was a pretty blouse with a pouch front. The upper part of the blouse was finished with a deep sailor collar of the striped material. The sleeves were made with a wide drooping puff to below the elbows, where they were gathered into long plain under sleeves. The wrists were finished with daintily little turned-back cuffs of black lawn, edged with a black and white striped cotton. A huge black hat trimmed with clusters of pink and crimson roses went charmingly with this gown. Another pretty touch was given by a cluster of the roses where the collar fastened in front.

The other costume in black and white I greatly admired was an evening gown for a lady past her youth, but who was a soft black murex, it was slightly trained at the back and moderately wide at the foot. The bodice, also of black murex, was cut semi-low, and draped with graceful folds of black and white striped silk. The sleeves of the striped silk came as far as the elbows in one wide puff, edged with a frill of black lace, and each of the striped silk ties at the left side with a large bow and very long ends. The ends were edged with jet fringe.

A bodice that will commend itself to golf and tennis players is the new style of stockingette jersey. It is a long way in advance of the old-fashioned clumsy-looking stockingette bodice that, notwithstanding its want of beauty, contrived to win some way in our affections on account of its comfort. The new creation in this style of jersey retains every element of comfort the other possessed, and in addition is smart and elegant looking, without a trace of the dowdy appearance which was such a marked characteristic with our old friend.

This new jersey has all the style about it of a well cut tailor-made bodice; it fits the figure to perfection, and at the same time fastens with every movement of the wearer. It fastens with small buttons at the left side under the arm and on the shoulder, with the effect of a perfectly-fitting seamless bodice. The bodice has a pretty rounded shape coming a little below the waist. The front and back of the jersey are usually in black or some very dark shade of stockingette, with sleeves and collar band in some pretty light colour; a charming combination is a black jersey with pale blue sleeves and collar.

The dust cloak of to-day is truly a thing of beauty, the favourite materials for making it are Tussore silk and a fine glossy make of alpaca. Tussore silk is particularly good for the purpose; it is so delightfully light in weight that the daintiest of frocks and most fragile of frills and furberies will not be crushed by it. As a rule, the lower part of the cloak is quite plain, the ornamentation being concentrated on the shoulders and about the neck and sleeves, if there are sleeves.

Now, a fashionable dressy dust cloak is an expensive thing to buy, but you may have a really stylish cloak of good material for a most moderate cost by making it at home from a good pattern. Being an unlined garment it is very easy to make. A pretty and fashionable style, and one well within the compass of the home dressmaker, is a perfectly plain loose cloak, something like an ulster in shape, fastening down the front with small buttons. The ornamental part of this cloak consists of a dainty little cape made with a yoke piece. This would look specially well in Tussore silk. The cape, when gathered to the yoke ought to reach a little below the waist. Strips of the yoke with lines of black lace insertion. Define the edge of the yoke with a ruche of Tussore mixed with black lace. Trim the outer edge of the cape in the same way, and finish the neck also with a thick ruche of Tussore and lace, and you will have a stylish and fashionable cloak.

Veils are occupying a good deal of attention just now, and they are worn very well. The strained tight veil half way over the face is quite out of fashion. With the large hats the veil is worn over the brim, and arranged under the chin in thick folds. That is much more becoming than wearing the veil under the hat. One of the latest things in veiling is to have the net covered with tiny coloured blossoms, pansies, roses, forget-me-nots, &c. To make a veil of this sort over a bonnet should be slightly rather in the style of the veils, though by no means becoming, are greatly worn. Russian net of a good description, with black chenille spots, is undoubtedly the most universally becoming style of veiling we have.

Ribbons and flowers are both largely used in millinery this season; the ribbons are especially the thing, and are very decorative taking the lead. A new kind of ribbon that promises to be very popular for trimming purposes is a kind of gauze with a crinkled stripe running through it. Then we have an almost endless variety of shot glass ribbon; it is made into huge upright bows and put at the back of large hats, the fronts of which are trimmed with flowers. The fashionable floral decorations of the hour are roses, large and small, singly and in sprays; they are to be seen on all sides.

MR. WHEELER.

Dust is the most common object of our highways just now, and all I have said about the dust is the least that I have said about it. The dust is flying now, and what it will be like at midsummer unless we get a spell of wet I shudder to think. The tourist must mount gladders in any case.

It is foolish not to wear glasses. The strain of a white and dusty road constantly passing under the eyes is a very great and very real one, and the nervous system in a most marked manner, but care should be taken that the "goggles" do not magnify. A smoked or light blue glass, the former for preference, will save much strain, exclude the dust and flies, and, in short, prove an immense boon.

Headgear is now becoming particularly interesting as the heat increases, and the straw hat, if the crown be thick, or a cabbage leaf be placed therein, will be preferred. The best way of holding it on is a loop of elastic, attached well forward on either side just behind the temples, and taken over the back of the head. This holds the hat on firmly, yet

it is easily removed, and this plan will be found preferable to any other for the purpose.

Hats should in any case be chosen which give plenty of shade, and the sun is now daily effect, at any rate, upon some riders, who should be exceptionally careful to direct. The white curtain round the brim is one of the coolest and most effective methods to adopt.

I am sorry to learn from several quarters that road racing is again on the increase, and that every over course like that south of Reigate, where active police action has been invoked, clubs are still carrying out races, especially on Sundays. Of course, the police will bestir themselves and stop it, but I hope to see the council of the N.C.U. at its next meeting adopt the drastic rules which appear on the agenda.

It is with regret that I note that the union is so half-hearted in this matter. At its last meeting a rule was passed which prohibited record-making by amateurs. Not one word in that rule exempts the road racer, yet records have been essayed and made by amateurs on the road, and no notice has been taken of it, despite the fact that the names of one rider's pacers were suppressed, presumably because if known they would have been suspended.

If the union will enforce its rules as they stand on both road and path, it will be doing the sport a service.

It would appear that some good people see a future for spring-framed machines. There have been many such. The best was the whippet. Tried when solid tyres only were known, the spring frame failed to catch on, and it has got a very much worse chance now when the rider is isolated from jar by air tyres. The day of anti-vibration bicycle frames has, I think, long since gone by, but should have been popularly there will be some revivals which have been tried and tested, and which will score.

An interesting contribution to a well worn subject is the statement that Mr. Chinn, the record holder, finds batters more lively than cement as a track surface.

I am sorry to find from the agenda of the N.C.U. that yet another effort is to be made to put the members of the cycle trade into a "B Class," and all other athletic organizations are refusing to recognise as amateurs any but Class A men. Putting members of the cycle trade into the B Class will have little or no effect upon the amateur racing path. It's the disguised professor, not the man openly in the trade, who is the stumbling-block of our legislators.

The select Trafalgar Club is very funny from my point of view, and I should recommend all the other cycling firms to bestir themselves and secure a select and exclusive club for their own particular benefit.

I am glad to learn that the Hospital Saturday meeting was a complete success all round, and that the fund will materially benefit thereby. The day was fine, the racing A1, and there were no accidents. Lady Farquhar distributed the prizes.

The opening of Hyde Park will probably diminish the crowd in Battersea Park, where hundreds of good people are to be seen taking their morning spin. The sport is going ahead, of that there is no doubt, and I hear that business on the Viaduct is booming. I am glad to hear it.

I have received from the Cycle and Sports Association a new patent saddle, which claims, of course, to be superior in many respects to all its rivals. Theoretically, it looks to have considerable merit, but I must defer judgment until I have had time to give the appliance an exhaustive trial. Some further improvements are promised later on; would it not have been wiser to postpone the inventors' appeal to the country "until the very last finishing touch was given?"

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A bill was introduced before the City Board of Aldermen on Tuesday evening, city ordinance forbidding women from wearing Bloomer dress or leggings in the streets and imposing a fine on every woman whose skirts are further than 2in. from the ground. An alderman present offered to amend the ordinance so as to merely exact an additional cent for every inch over the length of a skirt of the same length. The amendment was drawn up by the Women's Christian Temperance Union and other reform societies.

At Liverpool the coroner's jury returned verdict of wilful murder against William Kennedy, who was killed by the throat-cutting of his wife, who had then cut his own. The wife died in the hospital.

CAPTURE OF A HOUSEBREAKER.—Wm. Jackson pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a house in Purdes-road, Kensal-rise, and stealing property and money to the value of £25. He pleaded not guilty to assaulting Jas. Chown and Geo. King.—The evidence showed that one afternoon the neighbors

SMALL PAY AND TEMPTATION.—Edward Jewell, 19, was charged on remand with stealing a quantity of handkerchiefs, collars, cuffs, &c., the property of Messrs. Berry, manufacturers, Goswell-road.—The prisoner had been in the employ of the prosecutor's packer for several months at 11s. a week. He was stopped when leaving the premises, and a black bag he was carrying was found to contain a number of handkerchiefs and collars. He was given in custody, and at this lodging a quantity of similar property was found. He gave information to Insp. Walker.

hurst Park, N., deposed that he has known deceased for some years, and on May 19 witness was sent for to Clapham, and found him suffering from influenza and the results of drink. On Tuesday witness received a telegram saying deceased had become insane and on going to him witness found that he had delusions that he was in court and the evidence being given was going against him. A trained nurse was called in, but the next morning deceased turned up at witness's house, and asked witness to send the fol-

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